

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **ELLSINORE MAN SENTENCED TO 84 MONTHS FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

February 12, 2007

An Ellsinore, Missouri man was sentenced today on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

**GARY A. WILSON**, age 56, was sentenced to 84 months on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He appeared before United States District Judge Catherine D. Perry.

On May 11, 2004, the Carter County Sheriff went to the residence of Gary A. Wilson in Carter County, Missouri, to contact him about a Texas parole violation arrest warrant. The Sheriff talked with Mr. Wilson at his residence. Mr. Wilson confirmed that he was the person who was subject to arrest under the warrant. The Sheriff asked Mr. Wilson if he had any firearms in his house. Mr. Wilson told the officer that he had a .22 rifle in the house that he

hunted with. A deputy who was also present went inside the house and examined the firearm. It was a Marlin, .22 caliber rifle. The rifle was left at the residence while Mr. Wilson was transported to the Carter County jail.

The next day, an ATF agent went back to Mr. Wilson's residence and spoke with another person living at that house. She agreed to turn the firearm over to the agent. The rifle was seized along with a small quantity of ammunition. Due to Mr. Wilson's previous felony convictions, he is prohibited by law from possessing firearms and ammunition.

Hanaway praised the Carter County Sheriff's Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.